

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application, as amended, is respectfully requested. Claim 11 has been amended. Claim 15 has been canceled without prejudice. Claims 1, 4-11, 16-20 are pending.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 1 and 4-10 are allowed.

Applicant further thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 15-20 contain allowable subject matter if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Claim 11 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 15. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that in view of the amendments and discussion set forth herein, the applicable rejections have been overcome. Accordingly, the present and amended claims should be found to be in condition for allowance.


In view of these amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1, 4-11, 16-20 are now in condition for allowance, and request allowance of said claims.

If a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Judith Szepesi at (408) 720-8300.

If there are any additional charges/credits, please charge/credit our deposit account no. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,
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